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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Link A. Parikh *CEO* Rocket Technology, Inc.

Biography:

Link has 20 years experience in concept and design engineering, analytical systems engineering, R&D projects, program management, and advanced learning systems. He served on a number of company executive teams including Parikh Advanced Systems and Global Science and Technology Inc. in the 1990s. During this time, he pioneered applications that utilized web technology from its entry into the public domain in 1992. Practical advanced web applications developed by his lab team include expert systems in state transportation departments, learning and simulation systems for critical corporate training and knowledge transfer, distance learning projects, and engineering project management for NASA projects. Prior to that, he performed on advanced military and NASA projects as R&D engineer and design engineer including the repair of the Hubble Space Telescope, instrument concept engineering, and advanced on-orbit assembly and operations. Other examples are development of advanced systems design concepts and statements of work including the Ground and Air Telerobotics Systems (GATERS) and flight systems for NASA GSFC. Recently, he developed the FirstStrike methodology for rapid and low-risk acquisition of engineering systems and the insurance industry's e-Learning program that targets root causes of accidents to prevent future claims using and educational paradigm and practical innovations in visual simulation and analytical reporting. He is active in his new home town of Richmond, Virginia as Board Member of the Greater Richmond Technology Council, Board of the Math and Science Center Foundation, and Board Affiliate of Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce. He owns portions of five technology firms.